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Title: Need to grant adequate funds for the construction of Talchar-Bimlagarh railway line in Orissa.

SHRI JUAL ORAM (SUNDERGARH): There has been growing discontentment among the people of Orissa due to the inordinate delay in the construction of 154 Km Talcher-Bimlagarh line.

The final location survey of the line has been completed. But the land acquisition has not been commenced so far. The State Government had made a request to the Ministry of Railways in 2006-07 to acquire land for that project. But nothing has been done in that regard so far.

The proposed line will establish a link between coal, aluminum and other mineral belt including NTPC at Talcher and Angul Industrial areas with Bimlagarh where a number of downstream industries have come up. The line will facilitate the transport of mineral and coal to the areas and will cater to the need of the industries. So this will be an economic line and freight traffic will fetch good amount of revenue to the Railways. It will add to the economic development of the tribal people as it will pass through an area which is traditionally predominated by the tribals.

As such, I demand that adequate amount be sanctioned for Talcher-Bimlagarh line so that the construction work is completed at the earliest.

* Treated as laid on the Table.